

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner rejected claim 41 because the expression “adapted to” was considered to be statements of intended use rather than a structural limitation. Applicant has amended claim 41 to remove the “adapted to” phrase and thus believes this claim includes structural limitations not found in the prior art.

Claims 17-18 and 20-22 have been amended to depend from claim 41. Thus, again, Applicant believes that these claims include further limitations and are patentable over all the art of record.

Claim 42 has been amended. In particular, Applicant has made it clear that the geophone housing (27) extends below the plate (23) which is attached to the top of the skirt. Applicant notes that none of the art of record teach or suggest placing the geophone housing within the skirt. More specifically, Caldwell teaches “another version emerged which has a special “skirt” added to the base of the cylindrically-shaped housing.” Presumably, the geophones of Caldwell are within the housing. Adding a skirt to this housing in fact teaches a way from having the geophones positioned within the skirt as claimed. Sparrevik does not teach placing any geophones within the skirt. Vincent does not teach the use of geophones at all. Suarez, as noted by the Examiner, teaches at most what is taught in Caldwell.

CONCLUSION

Applicant now believes that this amendment complies with 37 CFR § 1.121 and thus requests examination of this Amendment. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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